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Please ADD new Claims 25-45, as follows:

Sub C2
~~25.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition comprises greater than 25% micronized L-ascorbic acid by weight.

~~426.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said L-ascorbic acid has a mean particle size of no greater than approximately 5 μm .

~~527.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~³, wherein said L-ascorbic acid has a mean particle size of no greater than approximately 2 μm .

~~628.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~³, wherein said L-ascorbic acid has a mean particle size between approximately 0.01 μm and 1 μm .

Sub C3
~~29.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition comprises greater than 30% ascorbic acid.

~~430.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition comprises, by weight, more L-ascorbic acid than D-ascorbic acid.

~~431.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition comprises, by weight, more L-ascorbic acid than ascorbic acid derivatives.

~~1032.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition is essentially free of D-ascorbic acid, and is essentially free of ascorbic acid derivatives.

~~1133.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition has a pH of at least about 5.5.

~~1234.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition has a pH of at least about 6.0.

~~1335.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition has a pH of at least about 7.0.

~~1436.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said composition further comprises an enzymatic exfoliant.

~~1537.~~ The method of Claim ~~36~~¹, wherein said enzymatic exfoliant comprises papain.

~~1638.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said non-aqueous carrier comprises glycerin.

~~1739.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~¹, wherein said L-ascorbic acid is micronized in oil.

~~1840.~~ The method of Claim ~~39~~¹, wherein said oil may be derived from plant materials.

~~1941.~~ The method of Claim ~~39~~¹, wherein said oil comprises capric/caprylic triglycerides.

~~2042.~~ The method of Claim ~~23~~³, wherein said L-ascorbic acid is prepared by a wet micronization process.